MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Miami Regular Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH,

NEAR POAST TOWN,

BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO,

ON THE

11th, 12th and 13th Days of September, 1885.

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MT. PLEASANT MEETING HOUSE,
NEAR POAST TOWN, BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO,
September 11, 1885, 10 a. m.

Praise, prayer and introductory sermon by Elder James E. Lee, of Missouri, from 2d Por. 5th chapter and 21st verse.

Letters from the Churches called for and read, from which the following table is arranged, to-wit:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	PASTORS' MEETING DAYS. SUNDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE, at 2 p. m.	Rec'd by Exp. and Baptism.	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Let'r	Restored . . .	Dis. by Letter	Excluded . .	Deceased . . .	Number . . .	Contributions
BETHEL, Warren Co., O., J. C. Reed, Thomas Reed, Daniel St. John, Alfred McDonald.	J. C. Reed, 1st Sunday			1				3	42	$ 3 00
CLEAR CREEK, Warren Co., O.. T. Tibbals, Wm. Dodd, J B. Morris.	Wm. Lippincott, & Wm. Dodd, 1st Sunday								19	1 50
MT. PLEASANT, Butler Co., O., Benj. Hinkle, G. H. L. Gebhart, Jos. H. Baird, John Witters.	No Pastor, 3d Sunday							4	1 56	4 25
MIDDLE RUN, Greene Co. O., I. D. Austin, John E. and Absalom Chenoweth Well. C. Cornell.	J. C. Reed, 3rd Sunday	9	1		1			2	69	7 20
NETTLE CREEK, Champaign Co., O., Wm. Lippincott, E. A. Coffman, G. H. Ward, Thomas C. Williams.	James E. Lee, 1st Sunday	1						2	3 102	10 40
SUGAR CREEK, Montgomery Co., O., A. Prugh, M. Allen, Frank McGlade James Popenoe.	Daniel Hess, 4th Sunday							1	33	3 75
TAPSCOTT, Warren Co., O J. C. Moses, Jos. Ely,, D. J. Coffman, H. Marshall.	No Pastor, 2d Sunday							4	48	6 00
WINCHESTER, Preble Co, Sisters Mary Heckman and Parthenia Taylor.	Wm. Lippincott, 3d Sunday.....			1				1	17	1 00
WEST LEBANON, Warren Co., O., D. Hess, J. E. Dunham, E. S. Culy, Thos. Hutchinson.	Daniel Hess, 2nd Sunday							2	36	4 30
	Total	10	1	2	1		6	17	422	41 40

Adjourned for refreshments Benediction by Elder E. Stephens.

Friday, 1 O'clock, P. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at the residence of Brother J. Graves.

Praise and prayer by Elder John Prichard.

Messengers' names called.

Rules of Decorum read.

Organized by choosing Elder Daniel Hess, Moderator, and Brother Well. C. Cornell, Clerk, by acclamation.

Correspondence from sister Associations called for, and responded to in the following order.

SANDUSKY—Elder J. H. Bibler, and minutes.

WHITE WATER—Elder S. D. Harlan and Brother E. Harlan, and minutes.

SCIOTO—Elder Walter Yeoman, and minutes.

MUSKINGUM—Elder John Prichard, and minutes.

OWL CREEK HARMONY—Elder A. S. Shoemaker, and minutes.

MT. ZION, Mo—No minutes.

The Moderator invited Correspondents to seats in Council.

On motion, Elder J. H. Bibler was sent to preach, following Elder E. Stephens, now preaching in the meeting house.

The Moderator inquired if there were any Associations wishing correspondence with this body. None.

On motion, the Moderator appointed one Messenger from each Church a committee on preaching for to-morrow and Sunday; Thomas Reed, William Dodd, G. H. L. Gebhart, Well. C. Cornell, Thos. C. Williams, A. Prugh, Joseph Ely, and E. S. Culy, said committee.

On motion, Elder J. C. Reed was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter and present it to-morrow.

On motion, Messengers were chosen to sister Associations, to-wit:

SANDUSKY—Elder J. C. Reed.

WHITE WATER—Elder William Lippincott.

SCIOTO AND MUSKINGUM—Elder William Dodd and Brother Frank McGlade.

OWL CREEK HARMONY—Brother Thomas C. Williams.

MT. ZION, Mo—On motion, exchange of minutes dropped.

The Moderator appointed J. Popenoe, E. A. Coffman, and G. H. L. Gebhart a committee to receive and distribute contributions.

Circular Letter called for and read by Elder William Dodd, (the writer, Brother F. McGlade, not being present.) Referred to J. Popenoe, E. S. Culy, William Dodd and the writer, Committee, to report to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m.

Benediction by Elder William Dodd.

Saturday, 9 O'clock A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment in the meeting house.

Praise and prayer by Elder A. S. Shoemaker.

Messengers names called.

The committee on Circular Letter reported, with a change of a word, to receive the same, which, on motion, was adopted.

Corresponding Letter read by the writer, on motion, received.

On motion, Brother T. Williams was chosen to write the Circular Letter and present it at the next session, 1886.

The committee on Preaching reported as follows: Saturday forenoon—Elders S. D. Harlan and Walter Yeoman; Saturday afternoon—Elders John Prichard and A. S. Shoemaker; Sunday forenoon—Elders John Prichard and E. Stephens; Sunday afternoon—James E. Lee and Daniel Hess.

On motion, the Clerk is to have the Minutes printed and distributed.

On motion, (and by request), the next session will be held with the Sugar Creek Church, at Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio, on the Narrow Gauge Railroad running from Dayton, Ohio, to Cincinnati, Ohio, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the committee on Contributions is to report to the Clerk.

Minutes read, and on motion, approved.

Adjourned to time and place given above.

Benediction by Elder William Dodd.

ELDER DANIEL HESS, Moderator.

WELL. C. CORNELL, CLERK.
Address, Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions, - - - - - - - - - - - -		$41 40
Distributed for Minutes, - - - - - - -	$13 50	
Distributed for Correspondence—		
Sandusky—Brother Well. C. Cornell, - - - -	7 50	
White Water—Elder D. Hess, - - - - -	5 90	
Scioto and Muskingum—Elder J. C. Reed - - -	14 00	
Remaining with Committee, - - - - - -	50	
	$41 40	$41 40

MINISTERS PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Friday a. m.—Elder James E. Lee, 2nd Cor. 5—21.
" p. m.—Elder E. Stephens, Acts 8—33, 34, 35.
" " —Elder J. H. Bibler, Romans, 11—5.
Saturday a. m.—Elder S. D. Harlan, 1st Tim. 1—15.
" " —Elder Walter Yeoman, Heb. 10—9.
" p. m.—Elder John Prichard, Psalm 40—1, 2.
" " —Elder A. S. Shoemaker, Romans 8—2.
Sunday a. m.—Elder John Prichard, Mat. 1—21.
" " —Elder E. Stephens, Romans 5—21.
" p. m.—Elder James E. Lee, Math. 28—18, 19, 20.
" " —Elder D. Hess, closing.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Miami Regular Baptist Association, now in session with the Mt. Pleasant, Church, Butler County, Ohio, 1885. To the several Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—One more year has passed away and with it sorrows and trials. And we hope that we are thankful that it is as well with us as it is. Brethren, let us walk as the dear children of God, and "let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in Heaven." Our hearts have been made glad by the coming of your Messengers, who have come to us laden with the precious truth of the Gospel of Christ.

May our friendly correspondence continue. Farewell.

ELDER DANIEL HESS, Moderator.

WELL. C. CORNELL, CLERK.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.

Bethel—Daniel St John, Lebanon, Warren County, O.

Clear Creek—Elder Wm. Dodd,(pro tem) Centerville Montgomery County, O.

Mt.Pleasant—G. H. L. Gebhart, Poast Town, Butler County, O.

Middle Run—W. H. Smith, Waynesville, Warren County,O.

Nettle Creek—G. H. Ward, Westville, Champaign County, O.

Sugar Creek—James Popenoe, Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio.

Tapscott—Joseph Ely, Franklin, Warren County, O.

Winchester—P.Mikesel, Gratis, Preble County, O.

West Lebanon—E. S. Culy, Lebanon,Warren County, O.

VISITING MINISTERS.

J. H. Bibler, Houcktown, Hancock County, O.
Samuel D. Harlan, Connersville, Indiana.
Walter Yeoman, Bookwalter, Fayette County,O.
John Prichard, St Louisville, Licking County, O.
A. S. Shoemaker, Ashley, Delaware County, O.
E. Stephens, Florence, Boon County, Ky.
James E. Lee, Mexico, Mo.

DECEASED.

Bethel---David Zentmyer, Mary Wood.

Mt.Pleasant---Mary Jane Slaughterbach.

Middle Run---Ezra Haines,Jane Carmen.

Nettle Creek---James Taylor, Jesse C. Phillips, John Taylor.

Sugar Creek---Elizabeth Broadaway.

Tapscott---Ann E. Potter, Sarah Emly, Lydia Craig, Hannah Ward.

Winchester---Leonard Thomas.

West Lebanon---Henry J. Dunham, Elizabeth Drake.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ADDRESS.

William Dodd, Centerville, Montgomery County, O.
William Lippincott, St Paris, Champaign County, O.
Daniel Hess, Lebanon, Warren County, O.
J. C. Reed, Blanchester, Clinton County, O.

LICENTIATES.

Frank McGlade, Centerville, Montgomery County, O.
Wm. Z. Chenoweth, Waynesville, Warren County, O.
Jasper Reed, Blanchester, Clinton County, O.
Thomas C. Williams, Urbana, Champaign County, O.

Visitation Meetings and Ministers to Attend.

Clear Creek.—First Sunday in May, 1886, and Saturday before, at 2 p. m., Thomas C. Williams and F. McGlade,

Sugar Creek.—Fifth Sunday in November, Friday before at 2 p. m. F. McGlade and W. C. Gornell.

West Lebanon.—Fifth Sunday in November and Saturday before at 11 a. m., J. C. Reed and Daniel Hess.

TIME AND PLACES OF HOLDING CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATONS.

Sandusky will meet with Honey Creek Church, Seneca County, Ohio, on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1886, at 10 a m, Station, Bloomville, on the Toledo, Tiffin & Eastern Railroad.

White Water, will meet with Little Blue River Church, two miles north-west of Hamilton Station, on the L. C. & Ft. W. Railroad. on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1886, at 10 a. m.

Scioto, will meet with the Pleasant Run Church, Fairfield County Ohio, on the Ohio Central Railroad, Pleasantville Station, on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1886, at 10 a. m.

Muskingum, will meet with Jonithan's Creek Church, near Gratiot, Licking County Ohio, twelve miles west of Zanesville, on the National Road; hack leaves Zanesville at 1 p. m., an Friday before fourth Sunday in August, 1886, at 10 a. m.

Owl Creek Harmony, will meet with the Wayne Church, Knox County, Ohio, on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1886, at 10 a. m., Fredericktown Station, on the B. & O. Railroad.

NOTE.—This Session has indeed been very pleasant and harmonious. The attendance good and weather fine, until Sunday afternoon, when a dashing rain came over, scattering the congregation. But a goodly number drove from Brother J. Graves' grove to the meeting house, where Elder James E. Lee preached, and Elder D. Hess made some appropriate remarks—then the parting hand was given, whilst singing one of Zion's songs. Thus closed the 87th annual convocation of "Miami." Who of us will live to see the 88th? CLERK.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Miami Regular Baptist Association convened with the Mt. Pleasant Church Butler County, Ohio. To the several churches composing her body sendeth Christian greeting.

Bethren and Sisters in Christ: Through the Providence of our covenant-keeping God, we are permitted to assemble as an Association, and rejoice that we have the injunction, "To forsake not the assembling of ourselves together," and, as you will expect a Circular at this time, wherein is contained a "declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us," your attention is invited to 2nd Tim. 1, 9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with a Holy calling," The text presents to our minds the sinner's sweetest theme, and joy of the saints, i e "Salvation." It has been the theme of all God's prophets and ministers ever since the fall of man. While there are those who ridicule the idea entirely, yet all professors admit that such a thing exists, but differ as to God's method in salvation, so we shall take occasion to offer a few thoughts in connection with some scripture bearing upon the subject.

The antecedent of the pronoun "Who," is "God," whom the apostle every where presents as the foundation of all his arguments. When he would preach the resurrection, he said, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" In speaking of the judgment, we hear him say, "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men," &c., and in regeneration, we hear, "Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, yea are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." Again, "But God, who is rich in mercy," and again, "God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts,"

"Who hath saved us,"

"He shall save His people from their sins," Jesus came into the world to save sinners." "He saved us by the washing of regeneration," He is able to save to the uttermost, all who come unto God by Him."

"Salvation O! the joyful sound
To wretched, dying men."

David rejoiced in it; he said, "I will rejoice in Thy Salvation." And again, "My heart shall rejoice in Thy Salvation." Isaiah, also, ,'The Lord Jehovah is become my Salvation." Jonah was glad to say "Salvation is of the Lord." The subject is more interesting to us who know it is endless. Paul calls it an "Eternal Salvation." Isaiah, an "Everlasting Salvation," and those who trust Him shall not be confounded world without end. We are saved now, in this life, and are just as secure as the angels in Heaven; not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." "According as he hath

chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world." Then in the fullness of time he bore our sins in his own body on the tree. "When we were yet sinners Christ died for us." "He gave himself for us." "Who loved me and gave Himself for me." All done while we were dead and in our sins, aliens and strangers. "Without hope and God in the world," "the way of truth had never known" in need of quickening, awakened from a death in sin. When he called us surely no bible reader can deny the doctrine of "calling" as set forth by the apostles. Paul believed it for we hear him say "And called me by his grace," and again "Whom he did predestinate them he also called." Peter believed it when he said, "The promise is unto you and your children and them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Again, "Who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light," and again, "Who hath called us unto his eternal glory." It is a "Holy Calling." "As he, which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;" "Because it is written be ye holy for I am holy." Thus, we you see, were saved upon Calvary. Yet, still under the law, "For the heir so long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant though he be Lord of all." Called by the Spirit of God in the fullness of time, delivered from the law, are under a new law to Christ; hence the admonitions to live soberly and Godly in this world, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Hence let us honor and glorify his holy name, in hope of the glory that shall be revealed in us when Christ shall come, "Who hath hath saved us, and called us, witn a holy calling." Farewell.